

Governor (Geo. S.) Houston Home  
Athens, Alabama

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GOVERNOR GEORGE S. HOUSTON HOME.  
101 Houston Street,  
Athens, Limestone County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Miss Mary Ella Houston.  
Mrs. D. M. Drennan.

Previous Owners: Arthur M. Henderson.  
(bought land from U. S. Government 1818)  
John McKinley & John Martin.  
Phillip Blessing & Wife.  
Micajah Thomas  
Brice M. Townsend.  
George Smith Houston.  
Houston Estate.

Date of Erection: 1843 - 1845.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Micajah Thomas.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Two story frame; two story porch, featured by square Tuscan pillars; pitched roof.

Other Existing Records:

See: Birmingham News, June 24, 1934.

"ALABAMA POSSESSOR OF RICH HERITAGE"  
By, E. Walter Burkhardt, A. P. I.

See: "ATHENS HISTORIC HOMES"  
By Pat, Jones. Huntsville Times.  
June 30, 1935.

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Additional Data: This home was original built of logs, by Micajah Thomas, 1834. This was the early home of George Smith Houston, who purchased same in 1845 and remodeled. In front is a double porch featured by square Tuscan pillars; low double doors provide entrance into interior consisting of spacious rooms with paneled wainscoating; hand carved bannisters feature the stair-way; among the remaining early articles of furnishings are an old rosewood piano, several marble topped tables and a canopy bed.

Source of material:

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